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I DELIVERED TEXT PRESIDENTIS MESSAGE TO GROMYKO AT 4:15 (FRENCH AT 4 AND BRITISH 4:30). PARA 3 WAS REARRANGED IN ACCORDANCE PARIS TEL 95.

IN REPLY TO MY ORAL REMARKS GROMYKO SAID SOV GOVT HAD EXPRESSED CERTAIN CONSIDERATIONS REGARDING FORMULATION OF AGENDA WHICH THEY CONSIDERED MORE ADEQUATE THAN OURS. HE SAID OF COURSE ANYONE WAS FREE TO RAISE A QUESTION AND IT WAS UP TO OTHER PARTICIPANTS TO DECIDE WHETHER IT WAS OF GENERAL INTEREST AND ONE WHICH THEY WISHED DISCUSS. HE SAID THEY PROPOSED DISCUSS ATOMIC TESTING ONLY IF THERE HAD BEEN NO SIGNATUR OF AGREEMENT BY THAT TIME. I SAID THIS WAS QUITE CLEAR. WITH RESPECT TO PARTICIPATION GROMYKO SAID HE HAD NOTHING TO ADD TO HIS PREVIOUS REMARKS. SOV GOVT CONSIDERED THAT GERMAN PARTICIPATION IN THE DISCUSSION OF QUESTIONS OF INTEREST TO THEM WOULD BE IN INTERESTS OF CONFERENCE AND WOULD BE USEFUL.

GROMYKO EXPRESSED PERSONAL OPINION THAT DATE PROPOSED WOULD BE SATISFACTORY.

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